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RESPONSE

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2005, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully elect Species A, directed to a method wherein a substance having acid or its salt renders the first part, oxidized during the oxidizing, water-soluble during the rendering. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9, 12 and 13 read on the elected Species A.


The contention by the Examiner in Item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action mailed November 21, 2005, that, currently, claim 1 is generic, is noted. It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-6, 12 and 13 are generic to the Species A and Species B listed in Item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action mailed November 21, 2005.

In view of the foregoing, examination of the claims reading on Species A (that is, claims 1-9, 12 and 13), in due course, is respectfully requested.

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